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In the days of Herod, the year preseding the dawn of the Christian era, there lived in the land of Judea a pious family, consisting of two persons-Zacharias and his wife Elizabeth. Zacharias was a member of the Jewish priesthood, and his wife was one of the daughters of Aaron. Nobly descended, they were not only "one flesh," but they were one in their Redeemer. United in holy wedlock, it is presumed, in early life, they lived in harmonious union during the morning and meridian and evening of their days. A long and useful life was about to close and they go childless to the grave. Without a progeny, they were hending under the weight of years, and it was evident that the sun of life must soon go down. The ploughshape of time had already left its deep furrows upon their brows, and their looks, whiteaed by the frost of winters, fell upon their shoulders in ringlets of snow. Their feeble frames and trembling limbs indicated the near approach of the sleep of death.

On an important occasion, while Zach arias was engaged in offering incense in the temple, an angel, clothed in shining garments, took his stand by his side at the altar of God. At the manifestation of this heavenly visitor, this faithful servant of the Most High was overwhelmed with sudden dismay; but the angel removed his fear, to some extent, by communicating to him the object of his mission. He informed him that Heaven had decreed that he and his faithful wife should not go childless to their reward, but that they should have a son, who was to be the immediate forerunner of the Saviour of the world; and that in him should be fulfilled the prophecy concerning Elias, who was to move the multitudes congregated from "Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the regions round about Jordan," like the forest shaken by the tempest. Zacharias doubted, and asked for a sign. The angel replied, "Thou shalt be dumb until the day that these things shall be performed."-

On this occasion, Zacharias remained so long in the temple, that the people without marveled at his delay. At length, emerging slowly from the temple, pale as death and solemn as though he had just stood before the flaming har of God, the people saw that he had been in communion with the invisible world. Perhaps a radiance was upon his features, such as glowed in the face of Moses, when he descended from the mount of God, where the veil that hides the spiritual world from our vision was lifted to his view. And to add still to the awful solemnity, he was dumb! He beckoned with his hand, but he spoke not. His tongue was as still as though it had been stiffened in death. Soon after, we are informed, he returned to "his own home," doubtless some distance, and met the wife of his bosom-her who had linked her destiny with his many years before .-What a meeting was that! She met him, doubtless, with a smile and a kiss of joy; but he was specehless. "What's the matter, husband?" To which he motioned with his hand, but made no reply. She threw herself in tears of grief into his arms, but he remained silent as a stone. How long before the excitement sufficiently subsided for him to communicate to her in writing the mysterious events which had transpired, none can tell. After hearing all; how the angel appeared to her husband; how he had promised her a son in the decline of life; how he was to be great-Flizabeth's agitated heart was cra-

After this, days, and weeks, and months of intense antiety came and went, until the fullness of time predicted by the angel had come; and as the morning aux arose upon the heavens, to illumine the path of life, and light mankind to the tomb, a lovely babe, wrapped in infant slumbers, lay folded in the arms of Elizabeth.

Warrenton, N. C.

For the N. C. Christian Advocate. Universalism-Future Punishment-God's Mercy.

APOLLOS.

"It is said God's mercies are over all his works, and that it is incompatible with infinite mercy to suffer man to endure eternal punishment." If it, is consistent with infinite mercy to inflict upon man the sorrow, disease, poverty, want, anguish and death, which he endures here, how do we know it will not be consistent with infinite mercy to punish him eternally? "It is said that mercy, in the bestowment of her blessings, offers no terms and requires no conditions; therefore, the salvation presented by mercy cannot be rejected." This is not true. Is it not mercy to give to a famishing family bread, though they must eat in order not to die of hunger? Is it not mercy in a physician to visit a sick and helpless man and freely prescribe for him? yet he must use the means in order to recover his health. Is it not mercy in God to give us life and health ! though their preservation depend upon ourselves? Is it not mercy in God to give us all the blessings of life? though we must use in order to enjoy them. If there is no mercy in the bestowment of these things, then God has never manifested his mercy to the world; for all God's blessings have to be secured and enjoyed upon the terms that we receive, use and improve them. If the temporal blessings of life are blessings of mercy. then her blessings are conditional; and if they are not blessings of mercy, then we have no proof that God is merciful. The blessings of mercy being conditional, they may be rejected, and the impenitent, unbelieving sinner lost, notwithstanding the infinite mercy of God.

" It is said mercy is unchangeable; and if (as is the case) man is a sinner when mercy is offered, should it ever be withdraws, the change is in God, not in man for he continues a sinner still." We admit that mercy is unchangeable, but deny that if withdrawn from the sinner the change leading to such withdrawal is in God, not in man. Are there no sins worse than others, the performance of which requires a corresponding change in moral character? Are there no changes for the worse, in sinners, that may provoke God

to withdraw his mercy or the blessings of loves good children, and children often be-1 salvation which he may offer? God gives come good by going to Sunday Schools. the sinner life, but if he lays violent hands | Oh ! I hope there is not a little boy or girl on himself, the blessing is withdrawn .- on my circuit but wishes to see Spring God gives the sinner health, but if he is come on, so they may go to Sunday School, imprudent and dissipated, the blessing is become good, wise and great, love God and taken away. God gives the sinner wealth, serve Him. Well, in this matter I intend but if he is extravagant and wasteful it is to do my duty, and I believe the children withdrawn. Now, in the removal of these will go and do theirs. It now remains blessings, was the change in God or in the with the parents, stewards, class-leaders, sinner? If in the sinner, we see sinners local ministers, and professors generally, may so change as to exuse God to remove to say whether there shall be a Sunday blessings his mercy had conferred, and School, or not, in their community. Cer may therefore so change as to cause God tainly the good local brother will encourto withdraw all the blessings of mercy and age it. He tells us to do good : this is a salvation. If the change was in God, we good thing. Well, stewards, and classsee from facts that God's merey is not un- leaders, and Christians, are good people, changeable, as this objection assumes; and although their hearts may not be free if God can and does so far change as to to it. The Discipline says we are to tramwithdraw from the sinner a part of the ple under foot that enthusiastic doctrine blessings of his mercy, he can so far which says we are not to de good unless change as to remove them all. The Uni- our hearts be free to it. versalist may choose either horn of this Well, we now have all but the parents; dilemma he thinks proper, but he must and of all people in the world, they ought hang on one or the other. But God's to be the first and most anxious upon this mercy does not save all sinners in this subject. Why, my brother, these little world. How do we know? What evi- ones are your children. We are striving dence have we that it will save all in the to make great and good ones, to take our next? The Divine mercy is rejected here: places when we are no more. Will you, how do we know it will not be rejected each one, assist us in this good underthere, if offered? It does not save and taking? You cannot, with Christian probless sinners in this world, without their priety, deny. O! I well remember when co-operation: why should it do it in the I was quite a little boy, and my mother next? "It is said the mercy of God is dead, how my father, (though an irreli-

universal, and its blessings and benefits gious man,) would accompany me to Suuextend to all his creatures." But it does day School; and although he was not a not extend its blessings to all slike. It man of plety, yet in this matter he acted makes distinctions between individuals in the part of wisdom. Then, in concluthis life: why should it not do so in the sion, will you, as parents, desiring the next? The blessings of God's mercy are welfare of your children, be ready to give rejected by many individuals in this world: it your sanction, by excouraging the little why may they not be rejected in the world ones to go? Yes, sauction it by appearing to come? "It is argued still that God there in person. I once knew a good old cannot be perfectly happy while the de- Baptist man who could scarcely walk at all, sires of his mercy for the salvation of the vet he constantly came to a Sunday School whole human family are unsatisfied." We under my care. He has often said he did reply, that if God cannot be perfectly hap- it to encourage others. "Go thou, and do by until his mercy reaches and removes likewise." all sin and suffering, he is not perfectly | Bladen Circuit, Feb. 1856.

happy now. To say that he will be perfeetly happy in the future, is to say there will be an increase of happiness with God, which is to deny His infinity. And if Introduction of Methodism into Wayne

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An Incident.

Your brother in Christ.

Feb. 14, 1856.

oil" never fail .- ED.

WM. H. CUNINGGIM, Sen.

For the N. C. Christian Advocate.

Let us have Sunday Schools.

Newbern, Jan. 1856.

J. W. TUCKER.

God's infinite mercy and perfect happiness County, N. C. are compatible with the existence of sin BRO. HEFLIN: I am indebted to an ofand sorrow in time, they will be in eterficial member of our church in Goldsborg' for the following interesting article. We hope similar contributions will frequently appear in our Advocate. Affectionately, CHARLES F. DEEMS. vours. Goldsboro', Feb. 1856.

M. N. TAYLOR.

For the N. C. Christian Advocate.

DEAR BRO. HEFLIN: Passing the house Daniel Deans removed from of an aged widow, the other day, who is in very moderate circumstances, (her en- Virginia, to Wayne county, N. C., where tire family consisting of herself and one he settled on Stony Creek. In 1786 his servant girl,) she hailed me and came out mind became very much disturbed about to the gate; and after the usual inquiry religion; his conduct was so singular at after the health of the family, &c., she times that his neighbors thought him dedrew from her side-pocket an old net purse, ranged. During one of these seasons of and pulling out a bill of money, carefully mental depression, he concluded to visit folded up, remarked, at the same time, "I his birth-place, and while there he attendwant to give you some money for the ed a meeting of the Methodists, heard the church. I have but little to give, and I preaching, was taught the way of life more can't get to meeting often, but I want to perfectly, and experienced the forgiveness help support the church." Unfolding the of his sins. When he returned home, on bill, and putting her finger on it, she said, meeting his wife, he threw his arms around "Here, brother, is two dollars quarterage, and one dollar for the old preachers' Conseen a man in Virginia, it is worth a lifeference money, I believe they call it, and time of labor to see. If I had known one dollar for the Missionary, and one dol- how happy his preaching could make me, lar for the Young Men's Aid Society." I would have travelled the world over to Examining the purse again, she said find him. He has promised to come and "This is nearly all I've got, but here is preach for us, and you shall hear him and one dollar and a half for my paper," (the be happy." Shortly after, the "English N. C. Christian Advocate.) I received it preacher," as he was called, came into the and gave her a word of commendation and neighborhood. An Englishman named encouragement, (and have since handed Watts, who lived on the east side of Stony over the entire amount to the preacher in Creek, above what is now called "Rouse's charge, the proper agent.) As I rode on Upper Mill," consented that he should home, thinking of the widow and her preach at his house; and the first sermons

mite, I came to the conclusion that none of Bishop Asbury were preached at the but the Good Spirit could have dictated house of Watts. The little framed preachto her the donation, and especially the di- ing-stand that he used as a pulpit can be seen by the curious in the corner of the It is said, Mr. Editor, that charity be- old church at Salem. It is yet used for gias at home. Well, here is two dollars the same purpose, whenever the house will for the preacher at home. But in this not hold the congregation and the sermons one dollar for the old preachers that have worn themselves out in the service. And log meeting house was built on the west here is one dollar for the missionary, to side of Stony Creek, and called "Dean's Meeting-house." This house was very for the Young Men's Aid Society, to assist rudely constructed of logs with the bark them in preparing for the ministry, that on; a hole was cut near the stand for a the church and ministry may be perpetu- window and another for a door, but no sted, and the work of the Lord still go on, door or window was ever put in. Some of after this old sister and those superannu- the preachers who officiated in this house ated brethren have gone to their reward in were John Buxton, John Kay, Morris Heaven; and that she may see how this Howe and - Moody. Nothing is work of the Lord in which she is thus en- new known of them but that they were gaged is going on, here is one dollar men of great zeal, and a constant revival and a half for her church paper. Well attended their labors. Some years after, may we take encouragement, my brother, the little class which had been formed at while the widows of our Israel thus "come Dean's was removed to Sarah Howell's, up to the help of the Lord, against the about two miles west, and near where the present Salem Church stands. Sarah Howell had joined the church at Watts'; had lost her husband; was not in affluent circumstances; had a family dependent upon her; but she threw open her doors to the It was of such an one our Saviour said, class and the preachers, and for eight years "She hath given more than they all." her house was the preachers home, as well May her "barrel of meal and cruse of as the place of worship for the much abused Methodists; at her house there was a constant revival. The Holy Spirit came down on the congregations, and many pentecostal seasons were given. The whole was a shouting band of Christians. Here Mr. EDITOR: As Sunday School sea- were witnessed those peculiar muscular sons are rapidly coming on, you will per- convulsions called sometimes "the jerks," mit me to throw out a few words of en- but more commonly known then as "the

couragement, in your Advocate, to both exercise." The preachers who officiated parents and children. As for its being at Sarah Howell's were Willie Bellamy, greatly neglected in this country, will not - French, - Sturtevant, - Hince, admit of a doubt. We have children, and Sam Garrott and Henry Warren. children who need Sunday School instruc- In 1810 the Society had so much intien. We have good churches and school- creased that it was found necessary to build houses, good roads, and short distances. a new meeting-house. The present Salem Cold weather will soon be gone; Spring, Church was then built. Most of the work with all its loveliness, the time for Sunday was done by John Hooks, Hardy Cooper, Schools, will soon be upon us; yes, I fear John Deans and George Deans, though the before we are all ready to go into Sunday neighbors had what they called "spells" Schools. The Discipline of our Church upon it, hauling timber, getting shingles, makes it the duty of ministers to attend hewing, &c. After several of the spells, to this important branch of religious duty. the house was completed, and during the Well, I am ready to do my duty in this whole time the church was building the exercise, and always have been, but I can't Lord was building up His spiritual church have Sunday Schools by myself-it re- at Sarah Howell's, there being a constant quires children in this good undertaking. revival there; in fact, the revival influence We must have children. But, in my was constant there for many years. Of opinion, they are ready. They wish to those who built the house, John Hooks learn how to read; then they may read and John Deans became preachers, and about Joseph and his coat of many colors; since that time the Society has sent out then they can read about Jesus, who was as itinerants John Howell, Daniel Deans, once little like children, but became a jun., Curtis Hooks, James Alford, Barden man; how he loved and took up little H. Bradbury, and, as local preachers, John children into his arms and blessed them : Avcock, Robert Deans and Morris Howell; and they may also learn, by going to Sun- all of whom have proven useful laborers day School, that although Jesus has quit in the Master's vineyard; some of them

reward on high.

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had excused me from investing "that casion, let me address you, and through fifty dollars," as you continue to call it you all the members. Look at the 14th in your business. I am sure you ought verse, 5 chap. "Ye are the light of not to insist on my taking more stock the world." How much light have you than any other subscriber. If you only shed this year? What example have knew how hard the times are up here, you placed before the young and the and how beautifully money can be used, old? What sinner have you brought as a brother, would constrain you to pected I should answer right out in desist from any further solicitation .- church, so I said nothing and let him Besides, just now my mind is very much go on.) upset with a dream I had not long since, 18th verse. "For I say unto you,

It happened in this way: The year Heaven." before last was a bad year for crops. \_\_\_ 30th verse. "If thy right hand of-The members of the church made but fend thee, cut it off and cast it from little to spare; it seemed as if the thec. clouds parted just before they reached 44th verse. "Love your enemies, Ezel church, and went on both sides; bless them that curse you, do good to there was an uncommonly dry time, them that hate you, and pray for them almost as dry as the time of that prophet in the Bible. What was his name? you."
The one that prayed and it rained no VI chapter, 10th verse. "Thy Kingmore for three or four years. The dom come. members of Enon church, about four 11th verse. "Give us this day our be designs not that you should be overcome spoke of death with great calmness, and miles above us, came together and pray- daily bread. widow lady who could not get to church selves treasures on earth," &c. sent one of her hands and got plenty of VII chapter, 1st verse. "Judge rain. Any how, it rained up there. I not, that ye be not judged," &c. rather think one preacher did not get 5th, 13th, and 18th verses, &c., &c.' much money that year. The stewards And so he read on until he came to allowed him an hundred dollars to the text again, when he turned to me clothe himself, and an hundred dollars and asked—" Father Gripe, how much for an excuse to justify you in the wrong, him, as he calls his dear wife, father and for other purposes, such as horse-feed, did this church give to God's cause last board, &c. It was allowed, I say, and year?" I suppose they saw that he got it and "Five dollars and a quarter. Sisno more. They said Ezel church must ter Constance Love gave three dollars give twenty dollars; the times were and three quarters, I gave a dollar, a mighty hard and the church would sinner gave a quarter, and the class

The new preacher came; he seemed "How many members in commuto be a very good sort of man: he nion?" preached till we all got happy and had "One hundred and twenty-eight." fine times. It was about the third "How many members of the church round he took his text at the latter end are at enmity, so they don't speak when of the XII chapter of Matthew, about they meet? a man who built his house on the sand. "Don't know-several!" He preached a great deal about live faith and dead faith, active religion and lar's worth of whiskey a year?" dead religion, working and doing nothing, muzzling the ox and unmuzzling; said there were a great many churches edgments here made by Father Gripe, built on sandy foundations. This we I sum the whole matter up thus: all knew was true, in the eastern part of the State, for it's a sandy country. surrounding darkness. All at once he astonished every one by ed, "This church stands on a sandy Pharisees. foundation, and the very underpining is rotten to the heart!" It quite alarm- of liquor-drinking prevails. ed the congregation, and they like to have rushed out of the house. How- where they are commanded to loveever, we all sat still until the end, for even their enemies. we knew it only stood two feet high, we had no plastering to crack, or glass to break, and our seats were not un- come, and set down and do nothing to commonly good, being only out-sides forward the cause of Christ. from the saw-mill, with holes bored "They toil and sweat and groan to through and four legs put in each.

After meeting, some of us old memexamine, so we drove out the logs, and under he went; with his knife he sounded and cut every one of the blocks, mean by saying the underpining was ground!" siding Elder, when he came round,

I asked him if he had ever examined the underpining. He said, "No! and " he didn't want to." I asked him what he meant then, by making such an assertion? He replied, that "the house he was talking about, was a spiritual church." I asked him if a spiritual church could have underpining? He BRO, HEFLIN: Will you be so good as said "all things must have a founda- to let us hold another conversation with tion, and the proposition was as good our young brethren and sisters in Christ. a full explanation, to which he agreed, our object in writing to you, my young and we walked back. After the opening exercises, he opened the Bible and read from the first verse of the fifth this wilderness world. The first onset our Saviour, and is commonly called the Sermon on the Mount. He con-

crown, while the most have fought the fore, whosever heareth these sayings [are almost ready to give over, and heed tated high for future usofulness; for when good fight to the end and gone up to their of mine, and doeth them.' So you see the firm foundation consisted not in hearing the Gospel, but in doing the gospel. This was the rock-sound underpining. Now, Father Gripe, you DEAR BROTHER :- I thought you are the organ of the church on this oc-I am sure your regard for my interest to Jesus." (Of course it was not ex-

and as Shakespeare says was it except your righteousness exceed that Shakespeare ?-never mind who now- of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall but he says, "it was not all a dream." in no case enter into the Kingdom of

ed for rain, and it was said that an old 19th verse. "Lay not up for your-

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"They pray, Give us this day our and beast, while the roads are almost im- received a liberal admention, he studied and that was not far to fall; besides, daily bread, and go out and work for it. passable, business is in a great measure Law, in the office of Col. Mitchell, in

"Again, they pray, Thy Kingdom

lay by a few dollars on earth.

"They judge every man evil of his bers concluded to examine and see neighbor; and even now they are enwhether the preacher knew more about gaged in judging me, a poor preacher, sion, on the authority of my Divine Master, I pronounce the foundation of this church a sandy foundation; and could discover. We didn't know what I re-affirm, that the underpining is to make of it. What did the preacher rotten, not only to the heart, but to the

rotten. At last it was resolved that one of us should question him about it the next time he came round, and I was selected as the proper person. I studied the matter over and over; I reduced that the head displayed so much temper. What had we better do with Thereupon, he gathered up his hymn peated the words, the underpining is rotten to the heart; I talked it over with the brethren. We all concluded he had alcohold the brethren. We all concluded the brethren to the heart is a second he had slandered the church; some wanted the matter brought before the quarterly meeting : some said he ought who preached up here when Bro. Doub to be suspended from preaching; the was a little boy. I think he can man-

should get the Bishop to take him in more letters. I have used up nearly all may paper, at least 10 cents worth, lost a dollar and a half, my just com- age until the golden opportunity has fled, He leaves an aged father, a disconsolate When he came round again, I saw missions, and ruined a steel pen worth him ride up, and walked out to meet two cents, besides paying nine cents him. He got down, hitched his horse, postage. Excuse the length of this, and I took him off one side out of sight, my last, and be sure to let me know where I unfolded the matter, slowly, when there is a prospect of good divias I thought him able to bear it. Then dends on the paper, so I can go in with

Very truly and respectfully Yours, PIOUS GRIPE.

For the N. C. Christian Advocate. To the Young Converts.

chapter of Matthew, to the text from that the enemy made upon you, was, which he had preached, and I give you . You are deceived; you have no religion; his remarks as near as I can remember: and it is nothing but a high state of ex-"My dear friends, brothers and sisters, citement you have been in Well, some the text from which I preached, is the of you have already foiled the enemy, by peroration of the greatest sermon ever referring him to your convictions of sin delivered on earth; it was preached by and your faith in the blood of atonement; cluded his discourse with the remarka- Jesus Christ." Now, that "peace" I the man who built on the rock and the his anger is turned away, and I am comly figurative and truly spiritual in its that are doubting, halting between two

the ressening of the arch-deceiver, and quite young he gave his heart to God, and make shipwreck of their faith. You are during his stay with us he seemed to enin a critical situation, who are thus hold- joy the life and power of religion, always ing conference with the devil. He is old attending church and class meetings, and cunning ; you are but a babe in Christ. He was a devoted lover of books, sought He, with his art and skill, has deceived and obtained a good education, not prompand ruined thousands, and if you continue ted with a desire to heap up the treasures to parley with him, you are gone. We of earth as many others, but with a desire beg you not to reason with him any long- to do good, a principle that should prompt er, but come right to the foot of the Gross every father to educate his shild, and eveand there plead with your Heavenly Fa- ry youth in the land to store his mind with ther the merits of that blood that was shed useful knowledge. for you; for "they overcame him by the When his school-boys days were ended, blood of the Lamb, and by the word of he sought a field of usefulness in the far their testimony," Rev. xii. 2; then you West, with bright and flattering prospects, will feel again that peace, comfort and joy where he labored for a time with great sucwhich you had when first you saw the cers, in the laudable business of teaching, Lord. Right here you should set up your with an eye to the ministry at some future stake, with large, legible engravings, "I day. But als ! Consumption seized upon know that God, for Christ's sake, has par- his mortal system, and soon his health faildoned my sins," so that the devil may ed, and blasted all his prospects forever -ever see it and attack you no more from It was then he thought of a dear father, that quarter. You should early learn to and devoted mether, and resolve to return discriminate between temptation and sin, to his native land, where he could see the which will be of great advantage to you, old family Bible, and meet again around the in your progress in a divine life. Tempt- family altar. He therefore raised his exation to sin is not sin; the sin lies in ergies, and accompanied by his affectionate yielding to the temptation. St. James, wife, who proved herself a companion in-1st chapter, 14th and 15th verses, says : deed in every trying scene, with great drawn away of his own lust, and entired. but the seeds of death were already deeply Then, when lust hath conceived, it bring- sown, and his friends were soon driven to eth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, the conclusion that soon he must die. But bringeth forth death." While your Hea- we are happy to learn that he have his afveuly Father may suffer you to be tempted. fliction with Christian resignation. He by the tempter, but that your faith may said be only desired to live that he might be tried, and that you may know that Ilis be more useful, and do more good. His when you have overcome, your faith will the subject of religion. he strengthened and you enabled to "count | The last night, the last parting scene it all joy" that you were thus tried. But before his tongue coused to articulate: should you at any time be overcome by the would to God that we had language to detempter, and fall into sin, don't try to put pict it in colors sufficiently glowing, that the blame on somebody else, nor look about the reader in his imagination might see in order to pacify your conscience; for if mother, brothers and sisters around his dyyou begin that, the devil will soon come to ing pillow, to give them his last talk, and your help, conscience will be eased, and plead with them to meet him is heaven the sin left upon the soul, to corrupt and ()h! how solemn the scene when the last corrode and prove your ruin. But come word was spoken, bidding all a final fareright to God with a penitent heart, con- well till the resurrection morn. Yet no fess your sin, beg for forgiveness until you doubt bright angels waited around, and

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"Around me I behold, Where'er these casual eves are cast, The mighty minds of old. My never-failing friends are they, With whom I converse night and day."

blessing may ever attend you

"The whole earth is full of the goodness of the Lord." With a profuse liberality, which mocks all efforts at description, the Father of the Universe has supplied his creatures with the means of hapthe midst of the rigors of a winter seldom 5 months and 8 days. if ever surpassed in severity, while our The subject of this brief memoir was mighty rivers are frozen over and the ice born at Jonesville, in the county of Wilker, is strong enough for a highway for man the 27th day of August, 1825. Having suspended, the vegetable kingdom is dead, Wilkesboro'. published writings of the gifted children his newly made friends and neighbors. compared to the mighty angel of the Apoc. Leccroft, youngest daughter of the late alypse, with a book in his hand, which he Benjamin Lacoroft of Beaufort. selves of this great gift of God are strange. of early manhood, the husband of a lovely a joy equal to that of angels to store the long life desirable. But alse I the destroyer

general impression was, that the Pregeneral impression was, that the PreI shall have to stop writing you any

and yet, from a base, earth born desire to ness, on his part, of his rapidly approachindulge in the passion for wealth, they will ing dissolution, and we may hope that not supply themselves. Rather than spend death did not find him all unprepared for a little money for books, they feed on garb. his summons. and their souls are impoverished, stunted, partner and an infant daughter to moura and ruined forever.

> know that if they would be saved they around them, and may He sapetify this ead must support a sound religious literature. dispensation to their eternal happiness! SOUTHERN SCRIBE. Old Dominion, Feb. 1, 1856.

OBITUARIES.

ry Frances Scawell, daughter of Asa and wife of Dr. Thomas Brown, in the 23th Prudence Seawell, aged six years and nine | year of herage, leaving a bereaved husband months. After a very brief illuess, she has and six children to mourn her loss. Though been torn from those hopes and associat they grieve not as those without hope, as tions which cluster around life in its morn- they have an abiding hope, that she has in spiritual as in material matters?"- We briefly introduced ourself to them in ling march. Her short life was purity it. exchanged a life of suffering on earth for After considerable discussion, I pro- the Advocate of February 8th. We are self. She was the darling of the family one of uninterrupted bles in the presence posed to him that he should let the willing, however, to abide the decision of circle, the keep sake which a kind mother of her Saviour whom she so delighted to cople know what he meant, and make your good judgment, in any communica- wore nearest her heart. Although she was a serve whilst here below. Amidst all her flower of sweetest fragrance, she was not afficient, which were so sewere, she was born to blush unseen. She has left a kind never once heard to murmur at the hand mother and father and one dear sister to that smote, but seemed perfectly resigned mourn her loss.

> Silent thus in Darkness lonely, Doth the soul put forth alone; While the wings of angels only Waft her to a land unknown.

the earth and gone to Heaven, yet he still survive and are still striving for the meaning. You see he says, 'There- opinions; parleying with the devil; and sparkled with hope, and his heart palpi- did it not to me."

But every man is tempted, when he is difficulty he arrived at his father's house; grace is sufficient" to deliver you; and principal conversation while sick, was on

have it, and then go forth and six no more. witnessed the heartrending scene, and when As our beloved Editor has requested us the lamp of life ceased to burn, bore his not to be "long," we close our conversa- blood-bought spirit to celestial climes, tion for the present, praying that God's where mortality will put on immortality, and no heetic cough will mar his peace

or detract from his happiness. On the following day, before his lifeless corpse was deposited in the silent tomb, his funeral sermen was attended to by the Rev. John Gunn. A more selemn time I never have witnessed; for whilst the Brotherpreached the word the large nudience in attendance was bathed in tears.

May this dispensation of God's Providence prove a blessing to his relatives and friends and stimulate all to live for God, that they W. L. VAN EATON.

piness; and blessed are they who grate- Died, Monday, the 4th, inst., of Canfully receive and enjoy the bounties of his sumption, at Ravenswood, in the county of Providence. Even now, while we are in Jones, Charles A. Parks, aged 30 years,

and the warblers of the grove are silent. A few years subsequent to obtaining his how much of happiness may be found at License, having fallen heir to a large eshome! In addition to sweet social inter- tate by the death of an uncle, he removed course with our families and friends, how to the county of Jones, and settled upon much pleasure may be derived from good one of the finest farms in this section of the books! Some spend these days in gloorny State. In May 1854, Mr. Parks was nomcomplaints, because they are not making insted by the Whigs of Carteret and Jones money; others in worthless, if not sinful for the State Senate, but his residence (or the underpining than we did. Brother who is trying to enlighten their under-Crane volunteered to crawl under and standings, and bring them up to the ing what to do with themselves. If any baving been sufficiently long to qualify standard of duty. And now, in conclu- such should read these remarks, let me tell him for a rest, if elected, he declined them that God has placed within their the honor. This nomination shows the reach a source of perennial delight, in the high appreciation in which he was held by of genius who have flourished in different | Eighteen months prior to his lamented ages of the world. The press may be fully demise, Mr. Parks married Miss Julia T.

> presents as a priceless boon to the human | Summoned by all the adjuncts of happirace; and those who will not avail them- wees which wealth can bring, in the pride ly neglectful of their own interest. It is and loving wife, the father of a darling the portion of a beast to find its greatest child--all temporary things conspired to pleasure in sensual enjoyments; but it is render him happy and to make bealth and mind with the ideas of the creat and the came, and the bright prospects and the foad good, and to exercise ourselves in contem- anticipations are shrouded in the gloom of plations that are elevating and holy. | the tomb! Discompolate friends mourn his Abundant stores of ambrosis and nec- untimely end, but we rejoice that they tar, food and drink for the soul, are with. mourn not as those who have no hope ... in the reach of thousands in our land; His last days were marked by a conscious. and yet, from a base, earth born desire to ness, on his part, of his rapidly approach.

their irreparable loss. May kind Provi-Stir them up, Mr. Editer, and let the dence, which "tempers the wind to the sons and daughte s of the Old North State shorn lamb" throw His pretenting arms

Departed this life, on Friday, December 14th, 1855, at Colerain, Bertie county, N. C., after a severe and protracted suffering from obronic disease, which she bere with Died, near Raleigh, of searlet fever, Ma. Christian fortitude, Mrs. Priscilla E. Brown, to every discensation of Divine Providence. Mrs. Brown embraced religion, and conneeted herself with the M. E. Church, in the year 1884, and remained a pions and consistent member till ber death, \*\*\*\*\*\*

A. C. Speer departed this life at the res- THE WILL AND THE DEED .- God idence of his father, in Yadkin county, N. never accepts the will for the deed, C., on the 1st of February, in the 25th year when he puts it in a man's power to do of his age; leaving an affectionate wife as well as will. He judges us accordand a large circle of relatives and friends to lament his loss; but blessed be God they mourn not as those who have no hope.—

when he puts it in a man s power to accordance with a well as will. He judges us according to our means, not by what we have have intended, but by what ble comparison which I have just read: have. Though God was angry with me, Only a few short years have aped away by what we have intended, but by what since this dear young man filled a seat in we have done. "If ye know these man who built on the sand. It is high- forted in his love. But there are others the Jonesville Academy: then his cheeks things, happy are ye if ye do them." were tinetured with the rose, and his eyes "Inasmuch as ye did it not to these, ye